

# **VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA**

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**CAPITAL WORLD INVESTORS**

## **FORM SC 13G/A** (Amended Statement of Ownership)

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Telephone	6173416393
CIK	0000875320
Symbol	VRTX
SIC Code	2834 - Pharmaceutical Preparations
Industry	Biotechnology & Medical Research
Sector	Healthcare
Fiscal Year	12/31

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 13G**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

(Amendment No. 8)\*

**Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated**

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**92532F100**

(CUSIP Number)

December 30, 2016

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this

Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
Capital World Investors \*\*

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

**Delaware**

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

20,758,133

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIA L Y OWNED BY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
		NONE
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		20,758,133
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		NONE

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIA LLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

20,758,133 Beneficial ownership disclaimed pursuant to Rule 13d-4

**10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)**

**11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9**

8.3%

**12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)**

**IA**

\*\* A division of Capital Research and Management Company (CRMC)

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**Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:**

**Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated**

**Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:**

50 Northern Avenue  
Boston, MA 02210

**Item 2(a) Name of Person(s) Filing:**

**Capital World Investors**

**Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none,**

Residence:  
333 South Hope Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

**Item 2(c) Citizenship: N/A**

**Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:**

**Common Stock**

**Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:**

**92532F100**

**Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to sections 240.13d-1(b)**

or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

(e)  An investment adviser in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).

**Item 4 Ownership**

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:
- (b) Percent of class:
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

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Capital World Investors is deemed to be the beneficial owner of 20,758,133 shares or 8.3% of the 248,033,389 shares believed to be outstanding as a result of CRMC acting as investment adviser to various investment companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

**Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class. If this**

statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following: [ ]

**Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another**

**Person:** N/A

**Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which**

Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person: N/A

**Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:**

N/A

**Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group: N/A**

**Item 10 Certification**

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

**Signature**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 8, 2017  
Signature: Alan N. Berro\*\*\*  
Name/Title: Alan N. Berro - Partner  
Capital World Investors

\*\*\*By /s/ Michael J. Triessl  
Michael J. Triessl  
Attorney-in-fact

Signed pursuant to a Power of Attorney dated January 4, 2017 included as an Exhibit to Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Capital World Investors on February 10, 2017 with respect to ITT Educational Services, Inc.